REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on December 15, 2006. At the time the Examiner mailed the Office Action claims 1-5, 8-22 and 30-38, were pending. By way of the present response Applicants have: 1) amended claims 1, 9-11, 14, and 20-22; and 2) no claims were added; and 3) cancelled claim 13. As such, claims 1-5, 8-12, 14-22, and 30-38 are now pending. Claim 38 has been allowed and Applicants are grateful to the Examiner for indicating and recognizing allowable subject matter in the application. Applicants have amended the claims to incorporated the above identified allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application and allowance of all claims now presented.

Response to § 102 Rejections

Claims 1-2, 4, 9-17, 20-22, and 30-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Merrill (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0036700 A1) hereinafter "Merrill".

In light of the amendment, the Examiner's rejections have become moot. Applicant maintains the previously presented arguments to issues raised by the previous and instant rejections. However, in light of the allowable subject matter identified and recognized by the Examiner, the issues raised in the rejections are rendered moot. Nonetheless, the following remarks regarding the amended claims may be helpful to expedite prosecution.

Independent claims 1, 11, 20, and 22 have been amended to include the indicated allowable subject matter identified on page 12, lines 1-4, of the Office Action, as well as subject matter of allowed claim 38. Specifically, claim 1 relates to the features of a mesh of bias voltage lines, comprising a plurality of additional bias lines and a plurality of main bias lines, wherein each of the additional bias lines are coupled between at least a pair of main bias lines. Support

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for the amendments can be found in Figures 4A, 5A, 5B, and 5C, and paragraphs [32] to [34]. The subject matter of cancelled claim 13 was incorporated into independent claim 11, in addition to the identified allowable subject matter. Applicant asserts that all the independent claims, as amended, include the allowable subject matter identified and recognized by the Examiner. Applicant asserts that the independent claims, as amended, are all allowable, and thus all the dependent claims, which depend on the independent claims are also allowable, thus placing the application in condition for allowance.

In view of the above remarks, a specific discussion of the dependent claims is considered to be unnecessary. Therefore, Applicants' silence regarding any dependent claim is not to be interpreted as agreement with, or acquiescence to, the rejection of such claim or as waiving any argument regarding that claim.

Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-2, 4, 9-17, 20-22, and 30-38 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Merrill (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0036700 A1)

Response to § 103 Rejections

Claims 3, 5, 8, 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Merrill in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (in Fig 1).

In view of the above remarks, a specific discussion of the dependent claims is considered to be unnecessary. Therefore, Applicants' silence regarding any dependent claim is not to be interpreted as agreement with, or acquiescence to, the rejection of such claim or as waiving any argument regarding that claim.

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Examiner: Wyatt, Kevin S. Art Unit: 2878 Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 3, 5, 8, 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Merrill* in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (in Fig 1).

Conclusion -

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Mr. Neal Berezny or Mr. James C. Scheller at (408) 720-8300.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), applicant(s) hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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